

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**ATTY DKT: VAN EIJK-17**

In re application of:

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For: MEANS AND METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF  
TARGET NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES USING LIGATION  
ASSAYS WITH IMPROVED OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PROBE  
PAIRS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Randolph Building, **Mail Stop Amendments**  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) dated February 4, 2009.

**Applicants filed a paper on December 3, 2007, requesting change of the Attorney Docket number which the Office did not yet enter into its records in the present case. Applicants remind the Office that the Attorney Docket for this case should be Van Eijk-17.**

Amendments to the claims appear in the Listing of Claims at page 2 of this paper.

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